

# **South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Light Rail Transit Sacramento, California**

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The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) is constructing a 4.3-mile light rail transit (LRT) extension of the existing South Corridor Light Rail line in Sacramento, CA. The project will begin at the existing Meadowview station and continue south and east to its terminus at Cosumnes River College (CRC). The project includes four new light rail stations with 2,700 park-and-ride spaces and a major new transit center at CRC. The project will operate in an exclusive, primarily at-grade right-of-way requiring four street crossings and two aerial structures along the alignment. The project will use existing RT vehicles.

Hours of operation in the opening year will be from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. on weekdays. Service will operate every 10 minutes during weekday peak periods, every 15 minutes during weekday off-peak periods, and every 30 minutes on weekday evenings. In the forecast year of 2030, hours of operation and service frequencies will be the same as in 2015. The project is expected to serve 10,000 average weekday trips in 2030.

By extending LRT service to the south and providing new park-and-ride opportunities in the corridor, the project is intended to provide an attractive alternative to private automobile travel for trips destined to downtown and other areas served by the LRT system. The project will provide improved access from South Sacramento to regional employment, entertainment, educational institutions, cultural and retail destinations as well as provide rail transit connections from other educational institutions to Cosumnes River College.

The estimated cost under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is \$270 million. The Section 5309 New Starts funding share is \$135 million.

## **Status**

FTA approved the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 LRT project into preliminary engineering in July 2005. A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) was published in September 2008, and a Record of Decision was issued in December 2008. RT initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) in December 2010, to address changes in the project alignment and the addition of several ancillary facilities. The EA was completed in September 2011. FTA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in October 2011. FTA approved the project into final design in May 2012.

RT and FTA entered into an FFGA in December 2012 with revenue operations scheduled for September 2015.

Section 20008 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act authorized FTA to award Federal major capital investment funds for final design and construction of the South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2 Light Rail Transit Project. Through the end of FY 2012, Congress has appropriated \$89.3 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds for the project.

## Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds (\$million)</u>	<u>Appropriations to Date</u>
<b>Federal:</b> Section 5309 New Starts FHWA Flexible Funds (CMAQ)	\$135.00 \$7.10	\$89.3 million in total New Starts appropriations through the end of FY 2012
<b>State:</b> Proposition 1B- Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account Proposition 1B- State and Local Partnership Program Traffic Congestion Relief Program State Transportation Improvement Program State Transit Assistance	\$10.71  \$7.20 \$8.10 \$4.30 \$0.16	
<b>Local:</b> Laguna Community Facilities District (LCFD) Elk Grove/West Vineland Fee District Vineyard Developer Fee Measure A Sales Tax Certificates of Participation	\$1.48 \$4.20 \$0.54 \$25.27 \$65.94	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>	

**Note:** The sum of the figures may differ from the total as listed due to rounding.

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